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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SENEGAL IN UNIFIL

1. WHEN I SAW PRESIDENT SENGHOR ON MAY 13, I EXPRESSED CON-
DOLENCES FOR THE DEATHS OF FIVE SENEGALESE SOLDIERS IN
LEBANON. SENGHOR RESPONDED THAT HE HAS NO INTENTION OF WITH-
DRAWING THE SENEGALESE BATTALION. THE DEATHS WERE TRAGIC,
BUT SENEGAL WILL DO ITS DUTY FOR THE UN AND FOR THE CAUSE
OF PEACE. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION IN
SENEGAL IS QUICK TO CRITICIZE SENGHOR FOR VIRTUALLY ANYTHING.
BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO CRITICISM FOR HIS DECISION TO PARTICI-
PATE IN UNIFIL, EVEN AFTER THE DEATHS TOOK PLACE. SENGHOR
CONTRASTED THIS NATION-WIDE SOLIDARITY WITH THE SITUATION
IN FRANCE WHERE THE GOF IS SUBJECT TO EXTENSIVE CRITICISM
FOR SENDING A CONTINGENT TO UNIFIL.

2. SENGHOR SAID THAT WHEN SENEGALESE PARTICIPATION IN
UNIFIL WAS ANNOUNCED, YASIR ARAFAT SENT EMMISARY TO
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SEE HIM WITH REQUEST THAT SENEGALESE TROOPS NOT FIRE
ON PALESTINIANS. SENGHOR SAID THAT HE RESPONDED WITH
WARNING THAT PALESTINIANS NOT FIRE ON SENEGALESE, OR
ELSE SENEGALESE WOULD FIRE BACK.

3. COMMENT: RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY
EXPRESS ENCOURAGEMENT FOR SENEGAL IN UNIFIL WHEN THEY

MEET WITH SENGHOR JUNE 8.
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